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Purple Dress with Flowers

I was found hanging
 in a corner of a thrift shop,
a purple dress with flowers
 made of choicest silk,
bought new by a poor man
 for a month's wages
as a gift to his elegant wife
 who wore me with pride
until exchanged for a funeral shroud.

 You, my new owner, see me
as still fresh from the Orient
 despite a few threadbare spots
any tailor can hide and featuring fine
 needlework no one does anymore.

I am a perfect fit for you, caressing
 your shoulders, tapered to the waist,
worn once more by a fashionista
 to please a man she loves.
How thrilling for me to mold myself
 to your body as all the mirrors
around you whisper
 yes!

-Saul Zachary
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